

Sinclair Broadcasting is violating the public trust by attempting to influence a political election, the 2004 Presidential election, by forcing their stations to air anti-Kerry political propaganda in the guise of news just days before the election.

The airwaves belong to the people and Sinclair is a prime example of the problems of media consolidation that have occurred after the 1996 telecommunications act and the loss of equal time rules that took place in 1987.

For democracy to stand, the media must be held accountable, the American people must have informed consent. Diversity in the media is one way to achieve those ends, but because the media is ruled by corporate monopolies, attempts to influence political elections must be stopped. The FCC must protect the American public and our democracy by ensuring that the public good is served by media conglomerates. Bald efforts to sway elections are not in the public interest.

If Sinclair follows through on this unAmerican effort, by airing "Stolen Honor" I demand that the FCC refuse to renew Sinclair's licenses as they come up for renewal.

Thank you.